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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HEINRICH ET AL.

Examiner

CongVan Tran

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2 and 5-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fischer et al. (5,552,641).

Regarding claims 1-2, 5, 10-14, Fischer discloses an RFID transponder, comprising: electronic circuitry to provide RFID functionality (see fig.4, and its description); an energy storage device coupled to said electronic circuitry to provide an operational voltage thereto (fig.4, element 28 and its description); a battery operatively coupled to said energy storage device to provide a charge thereto (fig.4, element 27 and its description); and a rectified RF power source derived from an interrogating RF field operatively coupled to said energy storage device to provide a charge thereto, said rectified RF power source and said battery being electrically separated from each other (fig.4, elements 26, 27, 28 and its description); wherein, said energy storage device remains charged by said battery in the absence of said RF interrogating field while said battery has remaining capacity, and said energy storage device is charged by the

presence of said RF interrogating field after said battery has become depleted (see fig.4 and its description).

Regarding claims 6-9, the Examiner takes Official notice that these features the an electrically erasable, programmable read-only memory, A/D converter, is structurally integrated transponder is notoriously well know in the art.

Regarding claim 15, Fischer further discloses the battery operatively coupled to said energy storage device through a first diode (see fig.4, elements diode, 27, 28 and its description).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 3, 4, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fischer et al. (5,552,641) in view of Roz (6,42,647).

Regarding claims 3, 16 Fisher discloses all the subject matters described in rejected claim 1, 13, and 15, except for a first diode coupled between said rectified RF power source and said energy storage device. However, Roz discloses rechargeable transponder comprising first diode coupled between said rectified RF power source and said energy storage device (see fig.2, elements 11, 15, 16 and its description). Thus, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the Roz's diode coupled between said rectified RF power source and

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said energy storage device to Fischer's transponder in order to control the direction of the charging means.

Regarding claim 4, Fischer further discloses a second diode coupled between said battery and said energy storage device (see fig.4, elements diode, 27, 28 and its description).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CongVan Tran whose telephone number is 703-305-4024. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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